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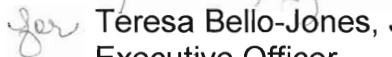
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TO: Board Members

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Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs.

Effective February 18, 2011:

1. American Career College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 60 students on February 14, 2011. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for February 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students who graduated January 28, 2011.

The EO approved American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full – time class of 60 students commencing February 14, 2011, only, with a projected graduation of February 24, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated January 28, 2011, and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has graduated a total of 27 students to date, 26 students have passed the licensure examination. The current program annual pass rate is 96%. As such the program is currently 21 percentage points above the State average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

2. Antelope Valley College Vocational Nursing Program – Request for Major Curriculum Changes (Karen Cowell – Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Community College)

Antelope Valley College, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval of a major curriculum revision. The proposed revision addresses the low performance of program graduates on the licensure examination.

The revisions entail the re-structuring of program hours. Specifically, adding Medical Surgical Nursing in the latter half of term one (1) in order to accommodate a term two (2) Maternity and Pediatric rotation. Additionally, the program is decreasing the number of clinical hours originally allotted to Maternity and Pediatrics from 111 clinical hours in each category to Maternity 76 clinical hours and Pediatrics 48 clinical hours. Total program hours remain unchanged as follows: theory hours 576 and 954 clinical hours for a total of 1530 hours.

The EO approved Antelope Valley College's major curriculum revision to include 1,530 hours, including Theory Hours – 576; Clinical Hours – 954; required the program to submit a new Instructional Plan consistent with the revised curriculum hours by March 31, 2011; rescinded the program's approval for ongoing admissions; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has been significantly below the state average annual pass rate for the last five (5) quarters. A review of the curriculum led to the changes the program is requesting. The program's most recent average **quarterly** pass rate is **100%**; however the average **annual** pass rate is **57%**.

Rescinding the program's ongoing admissions and requiring the program to request subsequent classes will prevent the program from admitting students without a review of the program's pass rates. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's licensure pass rates.

3. Beaumont Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approval of Major Curriculum Revisions; Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Lori Edwards, Beaumont, Riverside County, Adult School)

Beaumont Adult School Vocational Nursing Program requests approval of a major curriculum revision. The revision is proposed to provide consistency in theory and clinical content, and provide a pre-determined number of weeks for all content areas.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students to commence April 18, 2011 only, graduating September 3, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate April 14, 2011. The program also requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students to commence October 4, 2011 only, graduating February 27, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 6, 2011.

Further, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students only. Specifically, approval is requested to admit two (2) classes per year, admitting in April and October, with 30 students per class.

The EO approved Beaumont Adult School's curriculum revision of 656 theory and 1072 clinical hours for a total of 1728 hours; required the program to submit a new Instructional Plan consistent with the revised curriculum hours by March 31, 2011; approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students to commence April 18, 2010 only, graduating September 3, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate April 14, 2011; approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students to commence October 4, 2011 only, graduating February 27, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 6, 2011. Additionally, the EO denied the program's request for ongoing admissions, at this time, and continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The marked improvement in the program's current quarter pass rates supports the recommended approval of classes to replace graduating students. The program's annual pass rate has hovered two (2) to six (6) percentage points above and below the state average annual pass rate for eight (8) of the last nine (9) quarters. The most current quarter pass rate is 100% and the average annual pass rate is 82%. Since this is only one quarter at 82%, caution must be exercised to ensure that the current pass rate is sustained, before issuing ongoing admissions.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

4. California Career College, Canoga Park, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Susan Naimi, Director – Canoga Park, Los Angeles, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representative's visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by California Career College, Canoga Park, Vocational Nursing Program in February 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the California Career College, Canoga Park, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 20, 2011 through February 19, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and approved the program's current pattern of ongoing admissions to include:

- a) Admission of 30 students into three (3) part-time classes to **replace** graduating students only. Each class will be admitted consecutively at the time of graduation of the prior class. There will be no more than three part-time classes offered at any given time; and
- b) Admission of 30 students into the full-time program once per year to **replace** graduating students, only.

Rationale: The program's average annual licensure pass rate has ranged from 58% to 77% over the past eight (8) consecutive quarters. The current quarter pass rate is 58%, 18 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Since January 2009, 87 program candidates have taken the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 61 passed; 26 failed. As such, 70% of the total program candidates tested have passed the licensure examination; 30% failed. The program must bring its' average annual pass rates on the NCLEX-PN® consistent with the prior seven (7) quarters. Failure to do so

will result in the Board rescinding its approval for ongoing admissions to the program.

The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

5. College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Donna Stretter, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

The director of the College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to offer a part – time class 69 weeks in length beginning March 29, 2011. As proposed, classes would be offered evenings and weekends. A maximum of 30 students and three (3) alternates per class is requested. The proposed class is projected to graduate August 19, 2012.

The program hours would remain the same as the approved full-time program only running evenings and weekends for 69 weeks instead of 45 weeks.

The EO denied the College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program's request, to start a part-time class of 30 students, plus three (3) alternates, commencing on March 29, 2011, and graduating on August 19, 2012, only; approved the College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program to start a part-time class of 20 students, commencing on March 29, 2011, and graduating August 19, 2012, only; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has consistently remained more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate since data was recorded for this school. To date, a total of 36 students have graduated the program; only 14 have taken the licensure examination. Of those tested, only 7 have passed the NCLEX-PN®. As such, 50% have passed the licensure examination and 50% have failed. It is important to note, no program candidates have taken the licensure examination during the last six (6) quarters which has contributed to the program's current average annual pass rate of 0%.

The program is requesting to extend the curriculum over an 18 month time period to allow students more time to digest the material. Currently, the program has no students enrolled. The last class of 18 students graduated October 10, 2010.

The program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students. Reducing the number of students for admission will allow the program to focus on enrolled students and evaluate the effectiveness of the modified curriculum.

As noted above the program failed to notify the Board of the termination of faculty members within the ten (10) day period identified in the California Rules and Regulations. The program director has submitted a plan to prevent future occurrences.

The program has the resources to support the students requested. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly.

6. College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Pat Girczyc, Del Norte County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey December 28, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, Vocational Nursing Program for the period November 17, 2010, through November 16, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's current pattern of admissions which includes: Ongoing admission of 30 students to the full-time class every other year to **replace** graduating students, only.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates as previously listed above represent a combination of Eureka and Del Norte campus graduates. The total number of candidates that tested at both campuses averages 95% for the period April 2008 through December 2010. In the future, each campus will have their own NCLEX-PN® code and licensure data will be recorded separately. Currently, the state average annual pass rate is 100%.

The program has demonstrated compliance with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

7. College of the Redwoods, Eureka, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Pat Griczyc, Humboldt County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

College of the Redwoods, Eureka, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey December 28, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine

compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full accreditation for the College of the Redwoods, Eureka, Vocational Nursing Program for the period November 17, 2010 through November 16, 2014 and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's current pattern of admissions which includes: Ongoing admission of 30 students to the full-time class each year to **replace** graduating students, only.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates as previously listed above represent a combination of Eureka and Del Norte campus graduates. The total number of candidates that tested at both campuses averages 95% for the period April 2008 through December 2010. In the future, each campus will have their own NCLEX-PN® code and licensure data will be recorded separately. Currently, the state average annual pass rate is 100%.

The program has demonstrated compliance with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

8. Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program – Request for Continued Accreditation; Request to Admit Students; Request for Major Curriculum Revision (Director: Donna Ocampo, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program on October 25, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a full – time day class of sixty (60) students and six (6) alternates commencing February 17, 2011 only, with a projected date of graduation of June 15, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to completed program requirements on February 4, 2011.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from February 2, 2011 through February 1, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; denied the Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time day class of sixty (60) students and six (6) alternates commencing February 17, 2011; approved the program's admission of a full – time day class of forty (40) students and four (4) alternates on February 17, 2011 only, with a projected date of graduation of June 15,

2012, to **replace** students who completed course requirements on February 4, 2011; approved the program's proposed curriculum for 1,578 hours, Theory Hours – 606; Clinical Hours – 972); and required the program to demonstrate sustained improvement in its average annual pass rates on the NCLEX/PN.

Rationale: The Board remains extremely concerned about the program's average annual rates. The assigned consultant has met with the director and strongly recommended several critical actions to enhance student achievement and improve program pass rates. Of major concern was the quality of the curriculum and instruction provided by approved faculty. The director received those recommendations and has implemented key changes.

Following implementation, the program's average annual pass rates improved from 48% for the period January – March 2008 to its high of 65% for the period January – March 2009. Since that time, the average annual pass rates have declined.

As noted previously, the program's average annual pass rate decreased to 49% for the most current reporting period (October – December 2010). That percentage is 27 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate of 76%.

Such statistics support the recommendation to deny the program's request to admit a class of 60 students. The director has alleged that the decreased pass rates resulted from a decrease in funding for program enhancements. As a result of the program's current pass rate, funding reportedly has been allegedly restored.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years. The program must demonstrate sustained improvement in its average annual pass rates. Failure to do so will result in scheduling of the program for Board action.

9. **Shepherd University, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Student; Request for Ongoing Admissions** (Director: Hyunmie Kim, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing March 21, 2011, and graduating June 16, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students graduating March 12, 2011.

The Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program requests to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, with a projected graduation date of October 11, 2012, to **replace** students graduating July 2, 2011.

Additionally, the program is requesting ongoing admissions for the four (4) part-time, 60 week, Board approved classes, of 30 students each that admits students every 16 weeks.

The EO approved Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing March 21, 2011, and graduating June 16, 2012, to **replace** students graduating March 12, 2011; approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, with a projected graduation date of October 11, 2011, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 2, 2011. The EO denied the program's request for ongoing admissions of four (4) part-time classes, of 30 students each, every 16 weeks, at this time; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's most recent average annual pass rate is 81%. As such the program annual pass rate is five (5) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. The program has had two (2) recent consecutive pass rates above the state average annual pass rate. A minimum of four (4) consecutive quarters is prudent prior to approving ongoing admissions.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

10. United Education International College, San Bernardino - Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program (Director: Carole Metoyer, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)

United Education International College, San Bernardino, requests approval to commence a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 60 students. The proposed class would commence May 4, 2011, and is projected to graduate May 25, 2012.

The program's philosophy sets forth the faculty's beliefs relative to concepts and roles that are critical to the educational preparation of competent vocational nurses (see Attachment A). The program uses Dorothea Orem's Theory of Self - Care as its conceptual framework (see Attachment B).

The full-time program is 47 weeks in length divided into four semesters. Semesters I through III are 15 weeks long. The final term includes six (6) weeks of instruction. Both theory and clinical classes will be held on weekdays. The program has sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with competency-based objectives and proposed theory instruction. This information has been confirmed by the consultant.

The EO approved United Education International College, San Bernardino's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 60 students on May 4, 2011 only, with a projected graduation date of May 25, 2012; and approved the program curriculum for 1535 hours, including 578 theory and 957 clinical hours.

11. Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Ranbir Sadeora, West Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a day class commencing January 24, 2011 and graduating April 20, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated on August 19, 2010.

The EO denied Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time day class to commence January 24, 2011 only, graduating April 20, 2012; and required the program to submit a report by **March 31, 2011**. The report shall include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timelines for expected results, and the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address the following elements:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

The EO required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of all classes.

Rationale: On July 20, 2010, the program submitted minor revisions of the curriculum. The effect of those revisions will not be represented on the NCLEX-PN® until approximately second (2nd) quarter 2011.

As previously stated, the program's pass rates have been low since the program began in July 2008. Since October 2009, the pass rates have been 50%, 47%, 50%, 46% and 54% respectively. The most current average annual pass rate is **22 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate.

To date the program has enrolled 138 students and 74 students have graduated the program. Of the 138 students, 39 students have taken the licensure examination. Twenty-one of the 39 students who tested passed the licensure examination and 18 failed.

The program has 42 students currently attending classes. Denying the January 24, 2011 requested class will allow the program to focus on the

remaining students and allow time to evaluate the curriculum revisions and perform a comprehensive analysis of the curriculum.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

12. American Career College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Class Size (Director: Anissa Perez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County – Private)

The American Career College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to increase the maximum enrollment for its part – time classes from 45 students to 60 students. For its full – time classes, approval is requested to increase the maximum enrollment from 50 students to 75 students.

The EO approved American Career College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase the maximum enrollment for each full-time class from 50 students to 75 students, four (4) times each year in January, April, July, and October, only to **replace** graduating students; approved the program's request to increase the maximum enrollment for each part-time class from 45 students to 60 students every 20 weeks. The EO required the program to submit a written report no later than **May 23, 2011**. The report shall include the program's plan for monitoring instructional presentations, classroom management, and specific actions taken to ensure student achievement for a maximum enrollment of 75 students per class. The following elements shall be included:

- a. Plan for instructor preparation to include, but not be limited to:
 1. Preparation of handouts.
 2. Securing and showing films and/or videos.
 3. Obtaining any necessary supplies or equipment.
- b. Describe the plan for monitoring:
 1. Theory presentations and student achievement of theory objectives.
 2. Student assignments to the skills and computer laboratories, achievement of skills laboratory objectives, and proficiency demonstrations to accommodate a maximum of 75 students per class.
 3. Provision of feedback to students during and after class.
 4. Student clinical rotation assignments, achievement of clinical objectives, and competency measurements in performance of client care.
- c. Describe the plan to maximize student achievement.
 1. Evaluation of student performance and progress.
 2. Development of strategies to enhance student achievement.
 3. Identification of students with deficiencies in theory or clinical knowledge.
 4. Development, implementation, and evaluation of remediation plans to address identified knowledge deficiencies.

- d. Identify the program's plan to maintain security of instructional processes including monitoring and administration of examinations for a maximum of 75 students per class.
- e. Describe the plan for management of classes with a maximum of 75 students per class.
 - 1. Procedure for monitoring attendance and consequences of poor attendance.
 - 2. Development of a plan to decrease attrition rates.
- f. Change the program's pattern of admissions to include admission of 75 students into the full-time class four (4) times per year to **replace** graduating students only, and 50 students into the part-time class every twenty (20) weeks.

Rationale: Although, the program currently has a quarterly pass rate of 82%; the average annual pass rate is 77%. This is the highest percentage, recorded for the program, since September 2008. The program has hovered within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last twelve (12) quarters, but never managed to get above it until the most recent quarter in which the program's average annual pass rate was 77%. Based on the program's annual pass rate being within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate the request to increase class size was approved.

However, the Board has serious concerns relative to the significantly high attrition rates per class and the ability of the director and instructors to manage the large class sizes and maintain or surpass the current licensure pass rates. Therefore, it is prudent to have the director identify a plan addressing these issues.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

13. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Noncompliance Relative to Unauthorized (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

The California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a part – time class commencing May 31, 2011, and graduating December 7, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part – time class scheduled to graduate May 30, 2011.

The EO approved the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a part – time class commencing May 31, 2011, and graduating December 7, 2012, to **replace** the part – time class scheduled to graduate May 30, 2011; issued a Notice of Violation for the program's admission of 30 students on March 27, 2011 without prior Board approval, in violation of California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (k); schedule the program to appear before the Board for reoccurrences of the cited violation; continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's repeated violation of existing regulations. The program was previously cited for the admission of 30 students in November 2008, without prior Board approval. On March 27, 2011, the program admitted 30 students without Board approval. In response to both violations, the director stated students were knowingly admitted in violation of existing regulations to increase program revenue. Such disregard jeopardizes student achievement and continued program accreditation.

As noted previously, program graduates have completed the NCLEX/PN® during the previous five (5) consecutive quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 70%, seven (7) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient physical resources, including, but not limited to, faculty, clinical facilities, skills laboratory space and equipment, library space, to support the number of students in its current and proposed classes. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

14. Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laurie McDonald, Moreno Valley, Riverside County, Private)

The Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 50 students commencing May 9, 2011 and graduating September 1, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate April 8, 2011.

The EO denied Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 50 students commencing May 9, 2011, and graduating September 1, 2012; approved the program's admission of a class of 25 students commencing May 9, 2011, and graduating September 1, 2012; and required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed maximum enrollment. However, it must be noted that since initial accreditation, the program has graduated 12 students. Those graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of the total program graduates tested, seven (7) passed (58%); 42% failed.

It is further noted that during the last four (4) quarters, the program's average annual pass rate decreased from 78% to 40%. During that time, a total of five (5) program candidates were tested; two (2) passed; three (3) candidates failed. As such, the program's average annual pass rate for the current reporting period is 40%.

The director has reported development and implementation of interventions to enhance student achievement. Performance statistics from the class graduating April 8, 2011 are required to fully evaluate the effectiveness of

these interventions. The earliest data from this class will be available is Quarter 2 2011.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its average pass rates each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

15. Charter College, Canyon Country Campus (formerly Clarita Career College), Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Anne Anderson, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)

Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of thirty (30) students commencing July 11, 2011, with a projected graduation of September 8, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 9, 2011.

The program requests approval to admit a class of thirty (30) students commencing October 24, 2011, with a projected graduation of December 22, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 22, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of thirty (30) students every 16 weeks to replace graduating students.

The EO approved Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, with a projected graduation date of September 8, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 9, 2011; approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of thirty (30) students commencing October 24, 2011 only, with a projected graduation of December 22, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 22, 2011; and approved the program's request for ongoing admissions of a full-time class of 30 students every 16 weeks, commencing October 24, 2011, with the following stipulations:

- a) No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes one (1) full – time class of 30 students every 16 weeks.
- b) The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rate has consistently exceeded the state average annual pass rate for the past twelve (12) consecutive quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is eight (8) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program's administration is stable and effective. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

16. Downey Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Olga Saucedo, Downey, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Downey Adult School Vocational Nursing Program. On November 8, 2010, the Board received the completed document.

The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved Downey Adult School Vocational Nursing Program's application for continued full accreditation for the period from May 30, 2011, through May 29, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's admission of a full-time class of 30 students each January and May only, to **replace** students, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes two (2) full – time classes of 30 students plus three (3) alternates in January and May of each year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have exceeded the state average annual pass rates for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. For the current reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is eleven (11) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

17. Imperial Valley College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Justina Aguirre, Imperial, Imperial County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed of the, Imperial Valley College, Vocational Nursing Program on October 29, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Imperial Valley College, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 20, 2011 through February 19, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's admission a full – time class of 20 students twice a year to **replace** graduating students, only, with the following stipulations:

- a) No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes one (1) full – time class of 20 students twice each year.
- b) The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c) The program must maintain an average annual licensure pass rate within ten (10) percentage points of the California average annual licensure examination pass rate, consistent with Section 2530 (I) of the Vocational Rules and Regulations.

Rationale: The program currently has an 88% pass rate and is compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

18. Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Wilhemina Burford, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, Adult School)

The Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 15 students commencing July 2, 2011 only, and graduating November 17, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the class scheduled to graduate June 30, 2011.

The EO approved Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 15 students commencing July 2, 2011 only, and graduating November 17, 2012, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate June 30, 2011; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of all classes.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rate has consistently exceeded the state average annual pass rate for the past thirteen (13) quarters. Further, it is noted that every program candidate completing the licensure examination during the past thirteen (13) quarters has passed. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 23 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board

staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass.

19. Mt. San Jacinto College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Peter Zografos, San Jacinto, Riverside County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Mt. San Jacinto College Vocational Nursing Program. On November 19, 2010, the Board received the completed document.

The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

The EO approved the Mt. San Jacinto College Vocational Nursing Program's application for continued full accreditation for the period from February 21, 2011, through February 20, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's current pattern of admissions, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of:
 - 1) 15 students in the full – time class two times each year, in the spring and fall semesters; and
 - 2) 24 students in the part – time class once every year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have exceeded the state average pass rates for 13 consecutive quarters. For the current reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 20 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

20. Prime Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students
(Director: Marivic Patriarca, Vallejo, Sonoma County, Private)

The Prime Career College Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit an evening class 25 full-time students on June 6, 2011 graduating July 13, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** a class that graduated October 2010.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 30 students on June 6, 2011, only, graduating July 13, 2012, to **replace** the class that graduated October 2010; and required the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program experienced an improvement in their licensure pass rates for the quarters October 2009 through September 2010. However, the average annual pass rate for the October through December 2010 fell to 61%. This quarter decrease may have been affected by the lack of program candidates testing during the October through December 2010 quarter. The most recent quarter pass rate is 100% and the annual average pass rate has increased to 81%.

The program had 84 candidates take the licensure examination since April 2008. Of the 84 candidates that tested, 49 passed the licensure examination and 35 failed. As such, 58% passed the licensure examination and 42% failed. The overall statistics reflect the programs' difficult beginning. Caution must be exercised to ensure that the demonstrated improvement in the most recent quarter is sustained.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the current and proposed student enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

21. San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Catherine Schafer, San Diego, San Diego County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program. On December 27, 2010, the Board received the completed document.

The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved the San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program's application for continued full accreditation for the period from June 5, 2011, through June 4, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued the program's approval to admit a full-

time class of 30 students every 18 months only, to **replace** students, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of one (1) full-time class of 30 students every 18 months to replace graduating students; and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have exceeded the state average pass rates for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. For the current reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 23 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

22. Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Initial Accreditation Survey Visit; and Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Palm Desert, Riverside County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, Vocational Nursing Program was inspected April 21 and 22, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The initial class graduated March 10, 2011. The program requests Board approval to admit a **replacement** class of 30 students on April 26, 2011 with a projected graduation date of May 17, 2012.

The EO approved initial full accreditation for Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, Vocational Nursing Program for the four (4) year period from April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2015, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; approved the program's request to start a class of 30 students on April 26, 2011, with a projected completion date of May 17, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated on March 10, 2011; required the director to develop a plan identifying management of the three campuses, including but not limited to: Amount of time director will spend at each campus; Program administration including contacting director, if needed, during her absence; and Program

management during the director's absence; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the Vocational Rules and Regulations. The program submitted documentation indicating it has the resources necessary to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class.

As noted previously, on March 24, 2011, a new director was approved by the Board. The newly approved director is also the director of the SBBC Bakersfield and SBBC Santa Maria campuses.

The Board has concerns related to the management of the three (3) sites simultaneously due to the significant distance between the Palm Desert campus and the campuses in Santa Maria and Bakersfield. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

23. Valley School of Allied Health, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students on May 16, 2011, graduating June 12, 2012, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate May 13, 2011.

The EO approved Valley School of Allied Health request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on May 16, 2011, graduating June 12, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate May 13, 2011; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns related to the program's low performance on the licensure examination. From July 2008 through October 2010, the program had one (1) quarter where the pass rate was 71%. The program failed to maintain the higher statistics and descended to 53% in quarter 4 of 2010. However, the program has increased their quarterly pass rate during the first quarter of 2011 to 67% and the average **annual** pass rate increased from **57** percent to **61** percent. The program's average annual pass rate has remained **19 to 33** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate for eleven (11) consecutive quarters.

Of the 118 program candidates that have taken the licensure examination since July of 2008, 61 candidates have passed; 57 have failed. The program was placed on Provisional Accreditation at the September 16, 2010 Board meeting. Additionally, the program is required to submit a comprehensive analysis by July 1, 2011. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.